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Subject ⇒ Backtracking

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## ⇒ Backtracking In python

**Backtracking** is a form of **recursion**. But it involves choosing only option out of any possibilities.

We begin by choosing an option and **backtrack** from it

Backtracking is **an algorithmic-technique for solving problems recursively** by trying to build a solution **incrementally**, one piece at a time

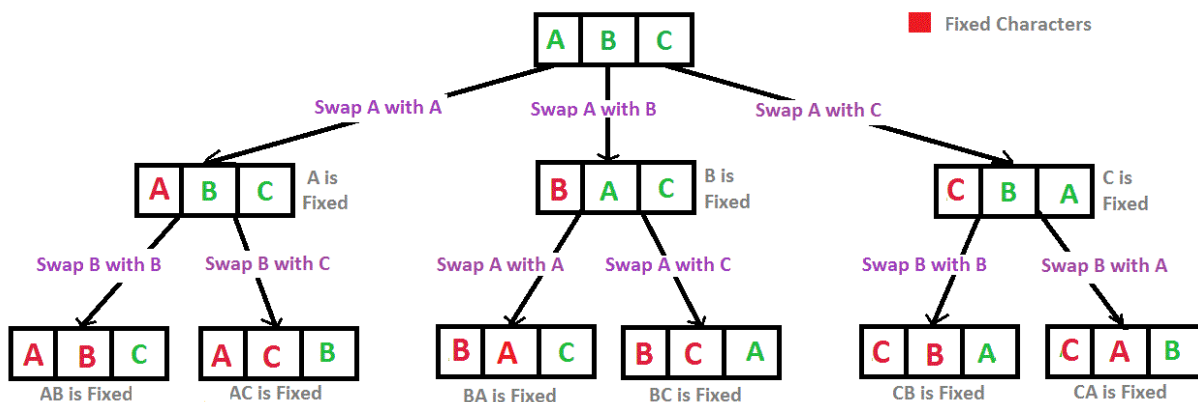
In Short

Backtracking builds a solution **incrementally**

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# Backtracking

- A **backtracking algorithm** begins in a predefined starting state and moves from state to state in search of a desired ending state
  - When there is a choice between alternative states, picks one, possibly at random, and continues
  - If it reaches a state that represents an undesirable outcome, it backs up to last point at which there was an unexplored alternative and tries it
  - It searches all states or reaches desired ending state
- Two implementation techniques:
  - Use stacks or use recursion



**Recursion Tree for Permutations of String "ABC"**

\*This Image is just for **Example Purpose**

⇒ Question That Are Based on BackTracking

**1.Print all Subsets Of 123 By Backtracking**

**Code**

```
def solve(a, idx, res):
    if idx == len(a):
        print(res)
        return
    res.append(a[idx])
    solve(a, idx + 1, res)

    res.pop()
    solve(a, idx + 1, res)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    solve([1,2,3], 0, [])
```

Output

```
[1, 2, 3]
[1, 2]
[1, 3]
[1]
[2, 3]
[2]
[3]
[]
```

**Question 2 = You are given a list [1,2,5] sum = 10  
You Have to print all Ways To Get Total Sum = 10**

```
def solve(a, sum, idx, res):
    if sum < 0:
        return
    if sum == 0:
        print(res)
        return

    if idx >= len(a):
        return

    res.append(a[idx])
    sum -= a[idx]
    solve(a, sum, idx, res)

    sum += a[idx]
```

```
        res.pop()
        solve(a, sum, idx + 1, res)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    solve([1,2,5], 10, 0, [])
```

Output

```
[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2]
[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2]
[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 5]
[1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2]
[1, 1, 1, 2, 5]
[1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2]
[1, 2, 2, 5]
[2, 2, 2, 2, 2]
[5, 5]
```

⇒ Mcq's

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1.What is the complexity of coin change problem ?

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(A) $n \log n$

(B) $n$

(C)1

(D) $2^n$

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**2. In backtracking which of the following is true ?**

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**(A) you revisit the previous state**

**(B) you are ignoring previous state**

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**3. What is the best time complexity for insertion sort ?**

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**(A)  $n^2$**

**(B)  $n$**

**(C) 1**

**(D)  $n \log n$**

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**4. out of bubble sort and selection sort Which has least no of swaps**

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**(A) bubble**

**(B) Selection**

**(C) both have same**

### Answers

1.D

2.A

3.B

4.B

⇒ Questions For Self Practice / CC For the Day

<https://practice.geeksforgeeks.org/problems/subsets/0>

<https://practice.geeksforgeeks.org/problems/combination-sum/0>